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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - JAT CHARTERS

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- 1. AMB GRANFIL CALLED (AT HIS REQUEST) ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG ON MARCH 16 TO STRESS IMPORTANCE GOY ASSIGNS TO EARLY SIGNING OF AIR CHARTER AGREEMENT FOR REMAINDER OF 1973 AND TO SPELL OUT ADJUSTMENTS IN PREVIOUS GOY POSITION IN EFFORT REACH THIS AGREEMENT. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO GOY DECISION TO MOVE AWAY FROM REQUEST FOR 300 CHARTERS (OPEN SKIES) TO 3:1 UPLIFT RATIO, 3 FREE ACCESS CITIES (EXCLUDING NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES) PLUS EARLIER US OFFER OF PERMITTING TWO JAT CHARTERS FROM US TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR EACH US CARRIER CHARTER FROM YUGO TO U. S. AMB SAID SUCH A FORMULA WOULD GIVE JAT APPROXIMATELY 150 CHARTERS OUT OF THE US THIS YEAR.
- 2. GENERAL DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED INCLUDED ARMSTRONG'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTIONS ON CERTAIN UNCLEAR POINTS IN AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION AND CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING IMMEDIATELY A LONG- TERM US- GOY CHARTER AGREEMENT PLUS IMPROVEMENTS IN PANAM'S COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES. ON LATTER POINT, AMB REPLIED THAT GOY PREPARED START BROADER NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS 1973 ARRANGEMENTS FOR JAT CHARTERS CLARIFIED.

- 3. IN REVIEWING NEW GOY PROPOSAL, ARMSTRONG AGREED THAT IT CLEARLY WAS SIZEABLE STEP FORWARD. HE ADDEDHOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT BE SURE AT THIS POINT HOW IT WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE US REGULATORY AGENCY INVOLVED (CAB).
- 4. AT CONCLUSION OF CALL, ARMSTRONG SAID THAT GOY POSITION WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. WE WOULD GIVE A RESPONSE TO YUGOSLAVIA EARLY NEXT WEEK. ROGERS

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